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us by the Game and Parks and I want to restate the fact that I think the people who use this is the one...is where the money should come from and, of course, that's what happened. And I was just curious, in your mind then, Senator Schrock, you feel that this is what they feel is an acceptable fee that will take care of the parks.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, Senator Vrtiska, and you know it's kind of like your kid wanting a Christmas present. You hope...you hope your present, when you unwrap it under the tree, is what your expectations were. Have you ever wanted something for Christmas and you opened the package and it wasn't what you thought it was going to be? It's kind of a let down. So I suppose something less than this would be a let down. That doesn't mean we're not willing to work with reasonable proposals that are counter proposals, but the committee thought that this was reasonable and it was necessary to maintain our parks in the condition they're in right now.

SENATOR VRTISKA: I appreciate your response, Senator Schrock, and at this point I...I'm certainly not going to support Senator Chambers' amendment at this time because I think it will, in fact, cause a great deal of concern. And one of the things that you mentioned certainly hits home and that is the fact if we don't do something to provide improvements and maintenance in these parks they're going...they're going to deteriorate. And, of course, I could go into a big long discussion about our state buildings and what happened to those but I'm not going to do it at this time, except to say that this is...this is what happens when we don't take care of things. I don't care if it's your property or my property or any property. It's going to have a certain amount of depreciation and we have to accept that and also take care of it as it happens or it becomes...it becomes too large for us to be able to manage. So I just wanted to get the question as to your involvement with the Game and Parks and that they are...they're...they are satisfied, and...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR VRTISKA: ...if there's...if there's somewhere that a arbitration or negotiation can come along, I'd certainly be